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10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 126

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 5/2/2025  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, ACR 76, HR 38, and HR 39 have been added to the referral list.

## REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

05/05/2025

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>ACR 71</u>	TRANS.
<u>ACR 72</u>	RLS.
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<u>SCR 24</u>	RLS.
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## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 23**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva**

January 30, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 23, as introduced, Quirk-Silva. Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week.

This bill would recognize the 3rd week of May 2025 as Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Peers, individuals living with mental or behavioral  
2 health challenges, possess the unique understanding and empathy,  
3 or lived experience, to encourage, engage, and support other peers  
4 on their journey to recovery, health, and wellness; and  
5 WHEREAS, Peers can leverage their lived experience to inform  
6 local, state, and federal decisionmakers on how policies and  
7 legislation impact the availability of, and timely access to, mental  
8 and behavioral health services and supports; and  
9 WHEREAS, There is a need to increase peer civic engagement  
10 in order to ensure that decisionmakers have the insights necessary  
11 to make people-centered, informed decisions, understanding how  
12 these decisions affect the lives of countless adults, children,  
13 adolescents, and families within the health and human services  
14 industry; and

1 WHEREAS, Peer voices are vital to developing a more just and  
2 robust continuum of care in California, as the state transforms its  
3 behavioral health care system and implements the Behavioral  
4 Health Services Act; and

5 WHEREAS, California is facing a behavioral health workforce  
6 shortage, and peers can become certified Medi-Cal peer support  
7 specialists and work with county behavioral health agencies to  
8 help close the gap in access to services and supports; and

9 WHEREAS, Medi-Cal peer support specialists are trained  
10 providers who use their lived experience to engage peers using the  
11 recovery model and the principles and values of peer support to  
12 provide hope and support and to be a role model of recovery; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the  
16 third week of May 2025, during National Mental Health Awareness  
17 Month, as Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week in California;  
18 and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
20 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 23 (Quirk-Silva) – As Introduced January 30, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes the third week of May 2025 as Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week in California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Peers, individuals living with mental or behavioral health challenges, possess the unique understanding and empathy, or lived experience, to encourage, engage, and support other peers on their journey to recovery, health, and wellness.
- 2) Peers can leverage their lived experience to inform local, state, and federal decision makers on how policies and legislation impact the availability of, and timely access to, mental and behavioral health services and supports.
- 3) There is a need to increase peer civic engagement in order to ensure that decision makers have the insights necessary to make people-centered, informed decisions, understanding how these decisions affect the lives of countless adults, children, adolescents, and families within the health and human services industry.
- 4) California is facing a behavioral health workforce shortage, and peers can become certified Medi-Cal peer support specialists and work with county behavioral health agencies to help close the gap in access to services and supports.
- 5) Medi-Cal peer support specialists are trained providers who use their lived experience to engage peers using the recovery model and the principles and values of peer support to provide hope and support and to be a role model of recovery.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Cal Voices  
California Behavioral Health Planning Council  
California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN)  
Mental Health America of California (MHAC)  
National Alliance of Mental Illness – California (NAMI-CA)

**Opposition**

None on file

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## For Immediate Release

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February 25, 2025

Cal Voices Celebrates ACR 23: Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week in California

Cal Voices applaud Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva for introducing ACR 23, a significant resolution recognizing the third week of May 2025, during National Mental Health Awareness Month, as Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week in California, and be it further.

This resolution emphasizes the invaluable contributions of Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists (MCPSS) to the behavioral health community and their critical role in aiding individuals on their journey to recovery. It highlights the unique understanding and empathy that peers—those who have faced behavioral health challenges—bring to the recovery process. Their lived experiences equip them to support others, engage with decision-makers, and advocate for policies that improve access to behavioral health services.

“We commend Assemblymember Quirk-Silva for recognizing the essential role of peers in our behavioral health system,” said Susan Gallagher, Executive Director of Cal Voices. “As we face a behavioral health workforce shortage, it is crucial to elevate peer voices and ensure their integration into the decision-making processes that impact countless lives in our communities. The resolution highlights the significance of certified Medi-Cal peer support specialists in addressing gaps in access to services and support. It emphasizes the need for increased peer civic engagement, ensuring policymakers have the insights to make informed, people-centered decisions. We stress that the peer workforce is vital in implementing the Behavioral Health Services Act and must receive full support from the California legislature.”

Amplifying peer voices can improve our behavioral health care system. As Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week approaches in May 2025, Cal Voices encourages individuals, communities, and organizations to join us in honoring the invaluable contributions of peers in behavioral health.

Once again, we commend Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-S for introducing ACR 23.

### About Cal Voices:

*Cal Voices is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing mental health consumers with peer support services, advocacy, and assistance in accessing resources. Since its inception in 1946, Cal Voices has advocated for mental health consumers, offered culturally-affirming peer support services, and helped individuals navigate complex human service systems. Currently, Cal Voices provides these services in Amador, Placer, and Sacramento counties in California, and offers technical assistance to other mental health agencies statewide. [Cal Voices is an affiliate of Mental Health America \(MHA\)](#), the country’s oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. For questions or how to join Cal Voices, please send us an email at [info@calvoices.ccsend.com](mailto:info@calvoices.ccsend.com).*



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April 14, 2025

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room #4210  
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RE: **Support** for ACR 23

Dear Assemblymember Quirk-Silva,

The California Behavioral Health Planning Council (Council) is proud to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 23, a resolution that would recognize the third week of May 2025 (Mental Health Awareness Month) as Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week. Pursuant to state law, the Council serves as an advisory body to the Legislature and Administration on the policies and priorities that this state should be pursuing in developing its behavioral health system. Our membership includes persons with lived experience of serious mental illness and substance use disorder, family members, professionals, providers, and representatives from state departments whose populations touch the behavioral health system. Their perspectives are essential to our view on the challenges and successes of behavioral health services and best practices in California.

As the behavioral health needs of Californians continue to rise, the inclusivity and participation of persons with lived experience of Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD), or Peers, is more crucial than ever to the advancements of California's public behavioral health system. Peer voices are essential to assist local and statewide policy leaders in developing and advocating for policies that can effectively address the needs of beneficiaries, ensuring that the experiences of those who are most impacted are taken into consideration.

The invaluable lived experience of Peers' enables them to be assets in the behavioral health workforce and lends to their credibility in their communities as Medi-Cal Certified Peer Support Specialists. Peers can





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provide support to other persons with a Serious Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder with navigating and accessing services through the public behavioral health system, and connecting individuals with community supports to help address other needs.

Furthermore, the integration and recognition of Peers within the behavioral health system supports the efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination of individuals with a Serious Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder. As California leaders continue to engage in discussions for improving access and effective delivery of behavioral health services to all Californians, it is vital that the voice of Peers are prioritized and remain central in the ongoing dialogue.

For these reasons, the Council proudly supports ACR 23. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Bayardo, Executive Officer, at (916) 750-3778 or by e-mail at [Jenny.Bayardo@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Jenny.Bayardo@cbhpc.dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Tony Vartan  
Chairperson

cc: Dawn Adler, Legislative Director  
Heidi Strunk, Mental Health America of California

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025



The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room #4210  
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RE: Support for ACR 23 (Quirk-Silva)

Dear Assemblymember Quirk-Silva,

The California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN) is proud to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 23, a resolution that would recognize the third week of May 2025 (Mental Health Awareness Month) as Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week.

CAYEN is a youth-led statewide network comprised of TAY Action Teams and CAYEN Board members which engages, empowers and represents Transitional Age Youth (TAY), ages 15-26, in mental health advocacy on issues that directly affect TAY. Since CAYEN's inception in 2006, CAYEN has taken many forms of action to empower TAY in their personal lives and spark progressive change in public policy.

As California faces a growing demand for children and youth mental health services, CAYEN recognizes the critical role of young Peers, youth with lived experience navigating California's behavioral healthcare system. Their firsthand knowledge is invaluable in shaping policies and ensuring services truly meet the needs of youth. As local and statewide leaders make decisions about mental health services for children and youth, it is essential that youth Peer voices are included. Their perspectives ensure that policies reflect the realities of those most impacted, ultimately strengthening the effectiveness and accessibility of mental health programs across the state.

Furthermore, youth Peers can leverage their lived experience to enter the behavioral health workforce as Medi-Cal Certified Peer Support Specialists. To become certified, they must be at least 18 years old, obtain a high school diploma or GED, complete the required training, and pass the Peer Support Specialist Certification Exam. As certified Peers, they can work within their local communities and schools to support others facing mental health, addiction, or trauma challenges. By sharing their lived experience, they offer hope, encouragement, and guidance, serving as role models for other youth in recovery.

As California continues to address youth mental health needs, investing in and prioritizing youth Peers must remain central to the conversation. For these reasons, we proudly support

[www.CA-YEN.org](http://www.CA-YEN.org)



ACR 23. If you have any questions, or if CAYEN can provide assistance on this resolution or any behavioral health legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dthirakul@mhac.org](mailto:dthirakul@mhac.org) or our Director of Public Policy, Karen Vicari, at [kvicari@mhaofca.org](mailto:kvicari@mhaofca.org)

Sincerely,

Danny Thirakul  
California Youth Empowerment Network  
Public Policy Coordinator



February 28, 2025

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room #4210  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Sponsor Support for ACR 23

Dear Assemblymember Quirk-Silva,

Mental Health America of California (MHAC) is proud to support Assembly Concurrent Resolution 23, a resolution that would recognize the third week of May 2025 (Mental Health Awareness Month) as Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week.

MHAC is a peer-run organization leading the state in behavioral health public policy and advocacy since 1957. The mission of MHAC is to assist and encourage communities, families and individuals to experience hope, wellness and recovery from mental health and substance use disorder issues through voluntary services that are delivered in their local community with compassion and respect for everyone's dignity and autonomy.

As California's mental health needs continue to grow, MHAC recognizes the critical role of Peers, people with lived experience navigating California's behavioral healthcare system and receiving services for their mental or behavioral health challenges. As local and statewide policy leaders continue to make decisions about the best way to address California's mental health needs, Peer voices are essential in ensuring that these decisions reflect the realities of those most impacted. Peers are essential in shaping policies that directly impact the availability and effectiveness of these services and programs.

Furthermore, Peers can use their lived experience to enter the behavioral health workforce and become Medi-Cal Certified Peer Support Specialists. Peers can work within their local communities to encourage, engage with, and support others with mental health, addiction, and or trauma challenges, using their lived experience to provide hope, support, and be a role model of recovery.

[www.mhac.org](http://www.mhac.org)

As California continues to address the mental and behavioral health needs for all Californians, investing in and prioritizing Peers must remain central to the conversation. For these reasons, we proudly sponsor ACR 23.

Sincerely,



Heidi Strunk  
CEO and President



April 2, 2025

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 4210  
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**RE: ACR 23 (Quirk-Silva) Peace officer training: behavioral health – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Schultz:

On behalf of the National Alliance on Mental Illness – California (NAMI-CA), I am writing in support of your ACR 23 which recognizes the third week of May 2025 as Mental Health Peer Appreciation Week in California.

NAMI-CA is the statewide affiliate of the country's largest mental health advocacy organization, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Our thousands of active advocates and 58 affiliates include many people living with serious mental illnesses, their families, and supporters. NAMI-CA advocates on their behalf, providing education and support to its members and the broader community.

This resolution offers long-overdue recognition to the vital role that mental health peer supporters play across California's behavioral health system. Individuals with lived experience of mental health or substance use challenges bring a level of empathy, trust, and insight that is uniquely impactful in engaging others on their path to wellness and recovery.

Certified peer specialists use their experiences to help others navigate systems of care, model recovery, and offer hope when it is most needed. Peer support is one of the most promising tools for filling gaps in our behavioral health workforce, particularly for historically underserved and minoritized communities. Peer support enhances engagement, reduces hospitalizations, and promotes dignity and empowerment in treatment—often in ways traditional models of care cannot.

In the context of California's current behavioral health transformation and ongoing workforce shortages, peers are also helping to fill urgent service gaps. The Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program has created a pathway for peers to serve as billable providers in county mental health systems, expanding access to culturally competent, recovery-oriented support.

As your resolution rightly states, peer voices are essential to shaping policies that work for real people. Peer-led services are not just complementary—they are foundational to a just, people-centered mental health system. ACR 23 affirms California's commitment to equity, recovery, and the transformative power of lived experience.

For these reasons, NAMI-CA supports ACR 23. Thank you for your leadership in uplifting peer supporters across the state. I may be reached at [jessica@namica.org](mailto:jessica@namica.org) or (916) 567-0163. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Cruz, MPA/HS  
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Members of the California State Assembly

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 36**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Carrillo**

February 20, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 36—Relative to Special Districts Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 36, as introduced, Carrillo. Special Districts Week.

This measure proclaims the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, to be Special Districts Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Special districts are local governmental entities  
2 created by a community’s residents, funded by those residents,  
3 and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services  
4 and infrastructure; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, just over 2,000 independent special districts  
6 provide millions of Californians with essential services, including  
7 services related to water, sanitation, and water recycling, fire  
8 protection, electricity, parks and recreation, health care, open space,  
9 ports and harbors, flood protection, mosquito abatement,  
10 cemeteries, resource conservation, airports, transit, road  
11 maintenance, veterans’ facilities, and more; and

12 WHEREAS, Special districts first arose when San Joaquin  
13 Valley farmers needed a way to access their local water supply;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Under the Wright Act of 1887, the Turlock  
16 Irrigation District became California’s first special district and

1 made it possible for local farmers to intensify and diversify  
2 agriculture in California's central valley; and

3 WHEREAS, In the 20th century, special districts increased  
4 dramatically in both number and scope, and during the periods of  
5 prosperity and population growth that followed both world wars  
6 when the demand for all types of public services increased, and  
7 special districts met that need; and

8 WHEREAS, The statutory authorization for mosquito abatement  
9 districts was enacted in 1915 to combat the salt marsh mosquitoes  
10 around the San Francisco Bay and higher than average malaria  
11 cases in rural counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Fire protection districts can trace their origins to  
13 a 1923 state law, and, in 1931, the Legislature authorized recreation  
14 districts, the forerunners of today's recreation and park districts;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Hospital districts arose in 1945 because of a  
17 statewide shortage of hospital beds. In 1994, the Legislature then  
18 expanded their breadth and renamed them health care districts in  
19 recognition of the diverse, modern needs of California's  
20 communities and the importance of proactive, affordable health  
21 care beyond the walls of a hospital building; and

22 WHEREAS, Although originally created to provide individual  
23 services, in 1961, the Legislature authorized special districts to  
24 address multiple needs when it provided for multipurpose,  
25 community services districts; and

26 WHEREAS, Special districts vary in size and scope and serve  
27 diverse communities throughout California, from small rural  
28 neighborhoods, such as the Pine Cove Water District in the San  
29 Jacinto Mountains in the County of Riverside, to large urban  
30 regions, such as the East Bay Municipal Utility District spanning  
31 much of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa; and

32 WHEREAS, Local residents own special districts and govern  
33 them through locally elected or appointed boards. A series of  
34 sunshine laws ensure special districts remain transparent and  
35 accountable to the communities they serve, as these laws require  
36 open and public meetings, public access to records, regular audits,  
37 online posting of finances and compensation, and more; and

38 WHEREAS, To prevent overlapping services and ensure that  
39 local agencies are operating effectively and efficiently to meet  
40 community needs, special districts are formed, reviewed,



1 consolidated, or dissolved through a methodical local process that  
2 includes the oversight of a local agency formation commission  
3 and the consent of local voters; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1969, several independent special districts  
5 formed a statewide association called the California Special  
6 Districts Association, commonly referred to as the CSDA, to  
7 promote good governance and improved essential local services  
8 through professional development, advocacy, and other services  
9 for all types of independent special districts; and

10 WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to promote democratic  
11 institutions, community-based services, local control, and  
12 self-determination; and

13 WHEREAS, The Legislature seeks to promote and educate the  
14 public about their local public service providers, including  
15 awareness and understanding of special districts; now, therefore,  
16 be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the  
19 week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, inclusive, to be Special  
20 Districts Week and encourages all Californians to be involved in  
21 their communities and be civically engaged with their local  
22 government; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
24 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 36 (Carrillo) – As Introduced February 20, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Special Districts Week.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, inclusive, to be Special Districts Week, and encourages all Californians to be involved in their communities and be civically engaged with their local government. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Special districts are local governmental entities created by a community's residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services and infrastructure.
- 2) Special districts first arose when San Joaquin Valley farmers needed a way to access their local water supply. Under the Wright Act of 1887, the Turlock Irrigation District became California's first special district and made it possible for local farmers to intensify and diversify agriculture in California's central valley.
- 3) In the 20th century, special districts increased dramatically in both number and scope, and during the periods of prosperity and population growth that followed both world wars when the demand for all types of public services increased, special districts met that need.
- 4) The statutory authorization for mosquito abatement districts was enacted in 1915 to combat the salt marsh mosquitoes around the San Francisco Bay and higher than average malaria cases in rural counties.
- 5) Fire protection districts can trace their origins to a 1923 state law, and in 1931, the Legislature authorized recreation districts, the forerunners of today's recreation and park districts.
- 6) Hospital districts arose in 1945 because of a statewide shortage of hospital beds. In 1994, the Legislature then expanded their breadth and renamed them health care districts in recognition of the diverse, modern needs of California's communities and the importance of proactive, affordable health care beyond the walls of a hospital building.
- 7) Special districts vary in size and scope and serve diverse communities throughout California from small rural neighborhoods, such as the Pine Cove Water District in the San Jacinto Mountains in the County of Riverside, to large urban regions, such as the East Bay Municipal Utility District spanning much of the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa.
- 8) Today, just over 2,000 independent special districts provide millions of Californians with essential services, including services related to water, sanitation, and water recycling, fire protection, electricity, parks and recreation, health care, open space, ports and harbors, flood protection, mosquito abatement, cemeteries, resource conservation, airports, transit, road maintenance, veterans' facilities, and more.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)  
Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)  
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

**Opposition**

None on file

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April 2, 2025

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California State Assembly  
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RE: **ACR 36 (Carrillo) Special Districts Week**  
**SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Carrillo,

The California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) is pleased to **support** your ACR 36, which would proclaim the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, to be Special Districts Week. CMUA is an association that represents 82 publicly owned electric utilities (POUs), and water and wastewater agencies statewide. These utilities include several special districts. Together, CMUA members provide water service to 75 percent of Californians and electric service to 25 percent of the state.

CMUA's special district members help keep the lights on and the water flowing for customers across the state. The tireless work of our special district members ensures that our customers know they have safe, affordable, and reliable utility services.

We commend you for introducing this measure to recognize our state's special districts. For these reasons, CMUA strongly **supports** ACR 36. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 827-7113 or [ddolfie@cmua.org](mailto:ddolfie@cmua.org).

Sincerely,

Derek Dolfie  
Director of Energy  
California Municipal Utilities Association

cc: Members, California State Assembly



April 9, 2025

The Honorable Juan Carrillo  
California State Assembly, 39<sup>th</sup> District  
Capitol Office, 1021 O Street, Suite 5610  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACR 36 (Carrillo): Special Districts Week - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo:

On behalf of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), I am writing to express our support for your Assembly Concurrent Resolution, ACR 36, which would proclaim May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, Special Districts Week in California. IRWD is a special district serving Central Orange County and appreciates your recognition of the role that special districts have in providing efficient, effective, sustainable service delivery and infrastructure development while maintaining local accountability.

Special districts are formed by communities to provide a needed service, or a small suite of services, overseen by a local board, and funded by local revenue. As a special district, IRWD delivers high-quality drinking water, reliable wastewater collection, and treatment services to more than 445,000 residents. IRWD is governed by a five-member, publicly elected Board of Directors. We are a leader in recycled water development and management, as well as innovative water management through a variety of programs and projects, including the IRWD Natural Treatment System, the District's development of emergency water supplies, and our groundbreaking allocation-based conservation rate structure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (949) 453-5590 or our Sacramento advocate, Alfredo Arredondo at (805) 598-9350 if you have any questions regarding IRWD's support of your measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Cook", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul A. Cook, P.E.  
General Manager

cc: Lilia Hernandez, Associate Legislative Analyst, California Special Districts Association



March 18, 2025  
GM 25-030

The Honorable Juan Carrillo  
1021 O Street, Suite 5610  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: ACR 36 (Carrillo) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo:

SMUD strongly supports your ACR 36, establishing the week of May 18, 2025, to May 24, 2025, as Special Districts Week.

SMUD was formed as an independent special district in 1923 and began delivering power in 1946. Special districts are formed to provide specialized services and come in various sizes – from small mosquito abatement districts to large special districts like SMUD. Special Districts Week will help to educate Californians on the benefits of their essential local service, including awareness of, and understanding the need for, special districts.

We commend the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) on their years of service promoting good governance and improving essential local services through professional development and advocacy.

For these reasons, SMUD supports your ACR 36. Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Paul Lau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Lau" clearly distinguishable.

Paul Lau  
CEO & General Manager

cc: SMUD Legislative Delegation  
Kyle Packham, California Special Districts Association

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 45**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva**  
**(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Boerner, Macedo,**  
**Nguyen, Blanca Rubio, and Ávila Farías)**

(Principal coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Ochoa Bogh, Pérez, Rubio,  
and Valladares)

**(Coauthor: Assembly Member Ortega)**

(Coauthors: Senators Hurtado and Limón)

March 3, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 45—Relative to the Day of the Teacher.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 45, as introduced, Quirk-Silva. Day of the Teacher.

This measure would proclaim May 6, 2025, as the Day of the Teacher.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Teachers have always been vital pillars in nurturing  
2 and developing the minds of future leaders, innovators, and the  
3 work force of California; and

4 WHEREAS, In today’s educational landscape, addressing  
5 teacher hardships such as the high cost of living, teacher shortages,  
6 overcrowded classrooms, lack of resources, pupil mental health  
7 issues, as well as violence and safety concerns is crucial to  
8 maintaining strong and healthy educational systems; and

9 WHEREAS, Teachers deserve to be honored in the highest  
10 regard for their resilience, their dedication, and the ongoing support  
11 they provide to our pupils; and

1 WHEREAS, Teachers consistently engage in professional  
2 development efforts to improve their teaching methods and address  
3 the diverse learning needs of each of their pupils; and

4 WHEREAS, The presences of culturally diverse teachers have  
5 been shown to positively influence pupils of color, improving  
6 academic performance, graduation rates, and aspirations for higher  
7 education; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, a teacher's duty to protect children extends  
9 beyond teaching academics as they safeguard critical thinking,  
10 historical accuracy, and diverse perspectives that prepare pupils  
11 to be informed citizens who can navigate a complex world with  
12 empathy and understanding; and

13 WHEREAS, California long ago recognized the immeasurable  
14 value of our teachers, and the second Wednesday in May has  
15 traditionally been recognized as the Day of the Teacher, a special  
16 observance that honors teachers and the teaching profession; and

17 WHEREAS, The Day of the Teacher has been recognized by  
18 the California Teachers' Association and the Association of  
19 Mexican American Educators since 1982; and

20 WHEREAS, California has patterned its celebration after the  
21 traditional El Día del Maestro festivities observed in Mexico and  
22 other Latin American countries; and

23 WHEREAS, The national Day of the Teacher will be celebrated  
24 on May 6, 2025; and

25 WHEREAS, The Day of the Teacher should be a day for school  
26 districts, parents, public officials, and the community to recognize  
27 the dedication and commitment of teachers who are educating our  
28 children; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
30 *thereof concurring*, That the day of May 6, 2025, be proclaimed  
31 the Day of the Teacher; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Day of the Teacher be a reminder of the  
33 collective responsibility we share in supporting educators, from  
34 legislative support to local community efforts. Let us honor  
35 teachers by ensuring they have the respect, resources, and  
36 opportunities they deserve to continue shaping our future; and be  
37 it further

38 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby urges all Californians to  
39 observe the Day of the Teacher by taking the time to remember



- 1 and honor all individuals who give the gift of knowledge through
- 2 teaching; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 45 (Quirk-Silva) – As Introduced March 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Day of the Teacher.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims May 6, 2025, as the Day of the Teacher and urges all Californians to observe the Day of the Teacher by taking the time to remember and honor all individuals who give the gift of knowledge through teaching. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Teachers have always been vital pillars in nurturing and developing the minds of future leaders, innovators, and the work force of California. Teachers deserve to be honored in the highest regard for their resilience, their dedication, and ongoing support they provide.
- 2) In today’s educational landscape, addressing teacher hardships such as the high cost of living, teacher shortages, overcrowded classrooms, lack of resources, pupil mental health issues, as well as violence and safety concerns, is crucial to maintaining strong and healthy educational systems.
- 3) The presence of culturally diverse teachers have been shown to positively influence pupils of color, improving academic performance, graduation rates, and aspirations for higher education.
- 4) Today, a teacher’s duty to protect children extends beyond teaching academics as they safeguard critical thinking, historical accuracy, and diverse perspectives that prepare pupils to be informed citizens who can navigate a complex world with empathy and understanding.
- 5) California long ago recognized the immeasurable value of our teachers, and the second Wednesday in May has traditionally been recognized as the Day of the Teacher, a special observance that honors teachers and the teaching profession.
- 6) The national Day of the Teacher will be celebrated on May 6, 2025. The Day of the Teacher should be a day for school districts, parents, public officials, and the community to recognize the dedication and commitment of teachers who are educating our children.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 62**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hart**

April 1, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to California Nonprofits Day.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 62, as introduced, Hart. California Nonprofits Day.

This measure would declare May 21, 2025, as California Nonprofits Day in recognition of the importance of nonprofit organizations to the economy and well-being of this state.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations are a large and vital part  
2 of California’s economy, with nonprofit economic activity  
3 contributing 15 percent, or one-sixth, of California’s gross state  
4 product; and

5 WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations rank as the fourth largest  
6 employer by industry in California, with more than 1,200,000  
7 people employed by nonprofits, accounting for one in every 14  
8 California jobs; and

9 WHEREAS, The number of volunteers mobilized by nonprofit  
10 organizations is equivalent to 33,000 full-time jobs in service of  
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations support the California  
13 economy by bringing more than \$40,000,000,000 into California  
14 each year from out-of-state sources; and

1 WHEREAS, California nonprofit organizations keep jobs local  
2 and employ greater percentages of women and people of color  
3 than does the overall civilian workforce; and

4 WHEREAS, California's nonprofit community includes houses  
5 of worship, universities and preschools, local theaters and  
6 world-class symphonies, after school sports leagues and senior  
7 day centers, health clinics, and other types of organizations that  
8 attract people to California and that support the well-being of  
9 Californians; and

10 WHEREAS, California nonprofit organizations are trusted  
11 institutions that provide services to the needy and vulnerable,  
12 improve quality of life, express community values, and promote  
13 social change; and

14 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic and economic  
15 crisis, intensifying wildfire, drought, and flood conditions, and  
16 economic downturns, California nonprofit organizations responded  
17 quickly, as they always do in a crisis, by bridging the financial  
18 gaps and adapting to their communities' evolving needs; and

19 WHEREAS, The nonprofit organization community in California  
20 is a strong economic power that uses that power for the common  
21 good; and

22 WHEREAS, A vibrant nonprofit sector in California is key to  
23 economic resilience and is an essential partner to the government  
24 in providing services and support to meet the ongoing needs of  
25 Californians; and

26 WHEREAS, California's nonprofit organizations are national  
27 and international leaders and innovators in the development of  
28 environmental protections, access to health care, and safety net  
29 services, expansion of civil rights, support of the arts and  
30 humanities, and the pursuit of democratic ideals; and

31 WHEREAS, Since the first California Nonprofits Day in 2016,  
32 a total of 891 nonprofit organizations have been honored by their  
33 Assembly Members and Senators; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature, in recognition of the  
36 importance of nonprofit organizations to the economy and  
37 well-being of this state, hereby declares May 21, 2025, as  
38 California Nonprofits Day; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 62 (Hart) – As Introduced April 1, 2025

**SUBJECT:** California Nonprofits Day.

**SUMMARY:** Declares May 21, 2025, as California Nonprofits Day in recognition of the importance of nonprofit organizations to the economy and well-being of this state. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Nonprofit organizations are a large and vital part of California’s economy, with nonprofit economic activity contributing 15 percent, or one-sixth, of California’s gross state product. They rank as the fourth largest employer by industry in California, with more than 1.2 million people employed by nonprofits, accounting for 1 in every 14 California jobs.
- 2) The number of volunteers mobilized by nonprofit organizations is equivalent to 33,000 full-time jobs in service of communities. Nonprofit organizations support the California economy by bringing more than \$40 billion into California each year from out-of-state sources.
- 3) California nonprofits keep jobs local and employ greater percentages of women and people of color than does the overall civilian workforce.
- 4) A vibrant nonprofit sector in California is key to a strong economic resilience and is an essential partner to government in providing services and support to meet the ongoing needs of Californians.
- 5) California’s nonprofit organizations are national and international leaders and innovators in the development of environmental protections, access to health care, and safety net services, expansion of civil rights, support of the arts and humanities, and the pursuit of democratic ideals.
- 6) Since the first California Nonprofits Day in 2016, a total of 891 nonprofit organizations have been honored by their Assembly Members and Senators.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 63**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Tangipa**

April 8, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—Relative to California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 63, as introduced, Tangipa. California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2025 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month and would extend the Legislature’s warmest regards and appreciation to the people and organizations who work to keep the network of California state fairgrounds strong, vibrant, relevant, and successful.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California’s 76 state fairgrounds serve the entire
- 2 state, from the County of San Diego to Del Norte, and from the
- 3 County of Monterey to Mariposa; and
- 4 WHEREAS, California state fairgrounds attracted over
- 5 20,000,000 visitors for fairs and events in 2024; and
- 6 WHEREAS, California counties enjoy the year-round economic,
- 7 recreational, cultural, and social impacts of the fairgrounds; and
- 8 WHEREAS, California state fairgrounds expend and generate
- 9 millions of new dollars for nonprofit organizations, youth
- 10 organizations, cities and counties, small businesses, and the state’s
- 11 General Fund; and

1 WHEREAS, Upon extreme fire seasons, pandemics, floods,  
2 climate extremes, and power outages, California state fairgrounds  
3 are consistently called into service in times of crisis to assist  
4 Californians displaced by natural disasters throughout the state;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, California state fairgrounds provide public facilities  
7 for animals, pets, and livestock during good times and bad; and

8 WHEREAS, California state fairgrounds continue to serve as  
9 venues for community celebration and civic enrichment; and

10 WHEREAS, California's 76 state fairgrounds continue to serve  
11 as the social and economic hub of their respective communities;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
15 month of May 2025 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month  
16 in appreciation for the services provided to California by the 76  
17 fairgrounds in the state; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Legislature extends its warmest regards and  
19 appreciation to the thousands of fair directors, staff, volunteers,  
20 business supporters, and sponsors, the Western Fairs Association,  
21 and the California Fairs Alliance, who work to keep the network  
22 of California state fairgrounds strong, vibrant, relevant, and  
23 successful; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
25 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 63 (Tangipa) – As Introduced April 8, 2025

**SUBJECT:** California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the month of May 2025 as California Fairgrounds Appreciation Month, and extends the Legislature’s warmest regards and appreciation to the people and organizations who work to keep the network of California state fairgrounds strong, vibrant, relevant, and successful. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California’s 76 state fairgrounds serve the entire state, from the County of San Diego to Del Norte, and from the County of Monterey to Mariposa. California counties enjoy the year-round economic, recreational, cultural, and social impacts of the fairgrounds.
- 2) California state fairgrounds expend and generate millions of new dollars for nonprofit organizations, youth organizations, cities and counties, small businesses, and the state’s General Fund.
- 3) Upon extreme fire seasons, pandemics, floods, climate extremes, and power outages, California state fairgrounds are consistently called into service in times of crisis to assist Californians displaced by natural disasters throughout the state.
- 4) California state fairgrounds provide public facilities for animals, pets, and livestock during good times and bad.
- 5) California’s 76 state fairgrounds continue to serve as the social and economic hub of their respective communities, and serve as venues for community celebration and civic enrichment.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 69**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Berman**

April 23, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 69—Relative to California Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 69, as introduced, Berman. California Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Month.

This measure would declare the month of May 2025 as California Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Regular physical activity offers substantial  
2 improvements in physical health and mental well-being for the  
3 majority of Californians, who are not receiving enough physical  
4 activity; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly 25 percent of the state’s adults say they are  
6 not physically active, and over two-thirds of California’s children  
7 fail to meet the physical activity guidelines of engaging in at least  
8 one hour of physical activity every day, yet moderate physical  
9 activity can substantially reduce the risk of developing or dying  
10 from chronic illnesses and diseases; and

11 WHEREAS, Roughly 40 percent of California adults report  
12 having at least one of the five chronic and largely preventable  
13 conditions: high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, serious  
14 psychological distress, or asthma; and

1 WHEREAS, As much as 80 percent of heart disease, stroke,  
2 and diabetes and over 30 percent of cancers could be prevented  
3 by increasing healthy behaviors, including physical activity levels;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Californians with chronic conditions report more  
6 days of poor health, which impacts a person's mental well-being  
7 and productivity in school or at work; and

8 WHEREAS, For children, it is important to develop an active  
9 lifestyle in the early years of life since habits from early childhood  
10 through adolescence may influence habits in adulthood; and

11 WHEREAS, Mental health and physical health are closely  
12 connected, with the many well-established benefits of leading an  
13 active lifestyle including improved brain health and cognitive  
14 function, reduced risk of anxiety and depression, and improved  
15 sleep and overall quality of life; and

16 WHEREAS, Physical activity is 1.5 times more effective at  
17 reducing mild to moderate symptoms of depression, psychological  
18 stress, and anxiety than medication or cognitive behavior therapy;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, All forms of exercise directly produce significant  
21 mental health benefits and improved overall physical health and  
22 well-being; and

23 WHEREAS, The Legislature has the unique opportunity to  
24 educate the public about the benefits of safe physical activity and  
25 places to be active, promote the design of communities and use of  
26 spaces that support safe and convenient ways for people to be  
27 physically active, and promote equitable community programs and  
28 policies that make it safe and easy for people to walk, bike, or  
29 wheelchair roll and be physically active; now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
31 *thereof concurring*, That the Assembly recognizes the need to  
32 prioritize, preserve, and promote physical activity in public health  
33 policy to improve the physical fitness and mental well-being of  
34 all Californians; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Assembly declares May 2025 as California  
36 Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Month in conformity with  
37 National Physical Fitness and Sports Month; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Governor and the author for appropriate
- 3 distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 69 (Berman) – As Introduced April 23, 2025

**SUBJECT:** California Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of May 2025 as California Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Month, and recognizes the need to prioritize, preserve, and promote physical activity in public health policy to improve the physical fitness and mental well-being of all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Regular physical activity offers substantial improvements in physical health and mental well-being for the majority of Californians who are not receiving enough physical activity. All forms of exercise directly produce significant mental health benefits and improved overall physical health and well-being.
- 2) Nearly 25 percent of the state’s adults say they are not physically active, and over two-thirds of California’s children fail to meet the physical activity guidelines of engaging in at least one hour of physical activity every day. Yet, moderate physical activity can substantially reduce the risk of developing or dying from chronic illnesses and diseases.
- 3) Roughly 40 percent of California adults report having at least one of the five chronic and largely preventable conditions: high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, serious psychological distress, or asthma. As much as 80 percent of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes, and over 30 percent of cancers, could be prevented by increasing healthy behaviors, including physical activity levels.
- 4) Californians with chronic conditions report more days of poor health, which impacts a person’s mental well-being and productivity in school or at work. For children, it is important to develop an active lifestyle in the early years of life since habits from early childhood through adolescence may influence habits in adulthood.
- 5) Mental health and physical health are closely connected, with the many well-established benefits of leading an active lifestyle, including improved brain health and cognitive function, reduced risk of anxiety and depression, and improved sleep and quality of life.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

Alzheimer’s Association

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

## California

April 29, 2025

Honorable Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
Assembly Rules Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 6250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACR 69 (Berman) California Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Month–  
SUPPORT**

The Alzheimer's Association is pleased to **Support** Assemblymember Marc Berman's Assembly Concurrent Resolution 69, which declares May 2025 as California Physical Fitness and Mental Well-Being Month. This resolution encourages Californians to prioritize physical activity and educates the public about the many benefits of improving physical fitness. This is also one of the Alzheimer's Association's 10 Healthy Habits for Your Brain, "Get Moving".

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia®.

While research is not yet conclusive, certain lifestyle choices, such as physical activity and diet, may help support brain health and prevent Alzheimer's. Physical activity is a valuable part of any overall body wellness plan, it is also associated with a lower risk of cognitive decline. Engaging in cardiovascular exercise elevates your heart rate. This increases the blood flow to the brain and body, providing additional nourishment while reducing potential dementia risk factors such as high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your "AYE" vote. Please feel free to reach out to me at [amendoza@alz.org](mailto:amendoza@alz.org) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Andrew Mendoza  
Director of State Affairs

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 75**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Alanis**

April 30, 2025

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 75—Relative to food and agriculture.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 75, as introduced, Alanis. Luke Bryan’s California Farm Tour Week.

This measure would designate May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, inclusive, as Luke Bryan’s California Farm Tour Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, inclusive, is  
2 designated as Luke Bryan’s California Farm Tour Week, a week  
3 of celebration to commemorate agriculture’s importance in our  
4 daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians nourished, and its  
5 role in keeping the state’s economy ranked as the fourth largest in  
6 the world; and

7 WHEREAS, The theme of the Luke Bryan’s Farm Tour Week  
8 helps honor America’s farmers for providing us with access to  
9 critical health and nutrition through its #HerestotheFarmer  
10 campaign in recognition of the vital role that agriculture plays in  
11 our state; and

12 WHEREAS, From nurturing careers to building vibrant  
13 communities, our agricultural industry is the backbone of California  
14 and we honor the dedication and hard work of those in the

1 agricultural sector who help feed the nation and sustain our  
2 communities; and

3 WHEREAS, For more than 60 consecutive years, California  
4 has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing  
5 more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for over  
6 one-third of vegetables and nearly three-quarters of the fruits and  
7 nuts produced in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Farming and related industries employ more than  
9 22,100,000 people, making up over 10.4 percent of employment  
10 in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, California's agricultural community relies on a  
12 vital infrastructure that aids in the exclusion and early detection  
13 of plant and animal pests and diseases that impact public health,  
14 the environment, and commerce; and

15 WHEREAS, The inexhaustible efforts of millions of  
16 farmworkers have contributed greatly to the success of the industry;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Today's agricultural industry offers over 200  
19 challenging and rewarding career opportunities, from on-farm  
20 cultivation to food science and engineering; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, advances in  
22 agricultural production have resulted in a drop in consumer  
23 spending on food products from 22 percent of average household  
24 disposable income in 1949 to 11.2 percent in 2023; and

25 WHEREAS, California is the nation's leader in agricultural  
26 exports, shipping \$23.6 billion in food and agricultural  
27 commodities around the world in 2022, which represents a 4.4  
28 percent increase from the previous year; and

29 WHEREAS, California is the nation's sole exporter of many  
30 agricultural commodities, supplying 99 percent or more of the  
31 nation's exported almonds, artichokes, figs, garlic, kiwifruit, olives  
32 and olive oil, pistachios, plums, prunes, raisins, table grapes,  
33 tomatoes for processing, and walnuts; and

34 WHEREAS, California's agricultural industry constantly seeks  
35 to incorporate the latest scientific and technological production  
36 and marketing techniques to meet the demands of changing  
37 consumer needs and complex world markets; and

38 WHEREAS, Science, technology, and innovation have enabled  
39 California agriculture to continually improve quality, safety, and  
40 consumer product choice, and drive advancements in organic



1 production, reduced water use, and more sustainable pest  
2 management practices, including biological controls; and

3 WHEREAS, California agriculture has provided strong  
4 leadership in the adoption of climate-smart practices to reduce  
5 methane and other greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy  
6 efficiency, save water, and scale up soil health practices to  
7 sequester carbon and other solutions to climate change; and

8 WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships are continually being  
9 developed to improve quality and ensure safe handling practices  
10 on the farm, in transit, and during processing; and

11 WHEREAS, California consumers say that it is important to  
12 them to purchase food items grown in the state and they have  
13 demonstrated increased support of farmers' markets,  
14 community-supported agricultural programs, and Farm to School  
15 programs; and

16 WHEREAS, A broad approach to agricultural education is vital  
17 to ensuring that California agricultural farms and ranches continue  
18 to flourish; and

19 WHEREAS, California is estimated to lose 797,400 acres of  
20 agricultural land by 2040, and more than 300,000 acres of it will  
21 have been highly productive irrigated cropland, and thus California  
22 should continue to work for conservation to preserve California's  
23 agricultural heritage; and

24 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for all Californians to recognize  
25 our farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in  
26 providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world; now,  
27 therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, inclusive,  
30 is designated as Luke Bryan's California Farm Tour Week; and  
31 be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
ACR 75 (Alanis) – As Introduced April 30, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Luke Bryan’s California Farm Tour Week.

**SUMMARY:** Designates May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, inclusive, as Luke Bryan’s California Farm Tour Week, and recognizes California’s farmers, ranchers, farmworkers, and others involved in providing such a bounty to our nation and the entire world. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) From nurturing careers to building vibrant communities, our agricultural industry is the backbone of California and we honor the dedication and hard work of those in the agricultural sector who help feed the nation and sustain our communities.
- 2) For more than 60 consecutive years, California has been the number one agricultural state in the nation, producing more than 400 crop and livestock products and accounting for over one-third of vegetables and nearly three-quarters of the fruits and nuts produced in the United States.
- 3) California’s agricultural community relies on a vital infrastructure that aids in the exclusion and early detection of plant and animal pests and diseases that impact public health, the environment, and commerce. The inexhaustible efforts of millions of farmworkers have contributed greatly to the success of the industry.
- 4) California is the nation’s leader in agricultural exports, shipping \$23.6 billion in food and agricultural commodities around the world in 2022, which represents a 4.4 percent increase from the previous year. California is the nation’s sole exporter of many agricultural commodities, supplying 99 percent or more of the nation’s exported almonds, artichokes, figs, garlic, kiwifruit, olives and olive oil, pistachios, plums, prunes, raisins, table grapes, tomatoes for processing, and walnuts.
- 5) California agriculture has provided strong leadership in the adoption of climate-smart practices to reduce methane and other greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy efficiency, save water, and scale up soil health practices to sequester carbon and other solutions to climate change.
- 6) May 11, 2025, to May 17, 2025, inclusive, is designated as Luke Bryan’s California Farm Tour Week, a week of celebration to commemorate agriculture’s importance in our daily lives, its vital role in keeping Californians nourished, and its role in keeping the state’s economy ranked as the fourth largest in the world.
- 7) The theme of the Luke Bryan’s Farm Tour Week helps honor America’s farmers for providing us with access to critical health and nutrition through its #HerestotheFarmer campaign in recognition of the vital role that agriculture plays in our state.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

## House Resolution

**No. 37**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Soria**

April 30, 2025

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House Resolution No. 37—Relative to childhood apraxia of speech.

1 WHEREAS, Childhood apraxia of speech, a neurological speech  
2 disorder, affects a child’s ability to correctly produce the sounds  
3 and syllables that are necessary to form words; and

4 WHEREAS, Children with childhood apraxia of speech  
5 understand language and know what they want to say, but have  
6 trouble putting thoughts into words that others can consistently  
7 understand; and

8 WHEREAS, Without appropriate and timely speech intervention,  
9 children are at risk for literacy delays and other educational-related  
10 delays; and

11 WHEREAS, Children with childhood apraxia of speech can  
12 learn to use their own voices, but only with early intervention and  
13 intensive and frequent speech therapy; and

14 WHEREAS, We encourage insurance providers and schools to  
15 recognize the critical need to provide adequate speech therapy so  
16 that the impact of this disorder can be minimized, and so these  
17 children can grow into productive, contributing adults; and

18 WHEREAS, Increasing public awareness about childhood  
19 apraxia of speech is imperative, and will serve as a safeguard  
20 against educational bias and social stigma and contribute to each  
21 affected individual’s overall well-being; and

22 WHEREAS, Apraxia Kids, the nation’s only nonprofit  
23 organization dedicated to supporting children with apraxia and

1 their families, has commemorated May 14 as Apraxia Awareness  
2 Day; now, therefore, be it  
3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
4 Assembly hereby recognizes May 14, 2025, as Apraxia Awareness  
5 Day in California to enhance public awareness; and be it further  
6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
7 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
HR 37 (Soria) – As Introduced April 30, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Childhood apraxia of speech.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes May 14, 2025, as Apraxia Awareness Day in California to enhance public awareness. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Childhood apraxia of speech, a neurological speech disorder, affects a child’s ability to correctly produce the sounds and syllables that are necessary to form words.
- 2) Children with childhood apraxia of speech understand language and know what they want to say, but have trouble putting thoughts into words that others can consistently understand.
- 3) Without appropriate and timely speech intervention, children are at risk for literacy delays and other educational-related delays. Children with childhood apraxia of speech can learn to use their own voices, but only with early intervention and intensive and frequent speech therapy.
- 4) Insurance providers and schools are encouraged to recognize the critical need to provide adequate speech therapy so that the impact of this disorder can be minimized, and so these children can grow into productive, contributing adults.
- 5) Increasing public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech is imperative, and will serve as a safeguard against educational bias and social stigma and contribute to each affected individual’s overall well-being.
- 6) Apraxia Kids, the nation’s only nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children with apraxia and their families, commemorates May 14 as Apraxia Awareness Day.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 28, 2025

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 12**

**Introduced by Senator Umberg**

January 13, 2025

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Relative to certified registered nurse ~~anesthesiologists~~; *anesthetists*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 12, as amended, Umberg. National CRNA Week.

This measure would commend Certified Registered Nurse ~~Anesthesiologists~~ *Anesthetists* for their expertise, dedication, and service to the people of California, acknowledge their critical role in promoting opioid-free, opioid-sparing, and non-opioid pain management strategies, and celebrate National CRNA Week 2025.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Certified registered nurse—~~anesthesiologists~~  
2 *anesthetists* (CRNAs) are highly trained, advanced practice  
3 registered nurses specializing in anesthesiology that provide expert  
4 care to patients before, during, and after surgical, obstetrical, and  
5 trauma procedures; and  
6 WHEREAS, CRNAs are integral to California’s healthcare  
7 system, offering safe, cost-effective, and accessible anesthesia care  
8 in urban centers, rural hospitals, military settings, and underserved  
9 communities across the state; and  
10 WHEREAS, CRNAs have completed rigorous academic and  
11 clinical training, including advanced education in pharmacology,  
12 physiology, and anesthesia practice, which makes them leaders in

1 the field of anesthesiology and vital contributors to California's  
2 healthcare workforce; and

3 WHEREAS, CRNAs are at the forefront of addressing the opioid  
4 epidemic by advancing the use of opioid-free and opioid-sparing  
5 anesthesia techniques that reduce patients' exposure to opioids,  
6 minimize the risk of dependence, and contribute to long-term  
7 public health solutions; and

8 WHEREAS, CRNAs utilize innovative nonopioid pain  
9 management strategies, such as multimodal anesthesia, peripheral  
10 nerve blocks, regional anesthesia, and the use of nonopioid  
11 medications like acetaminophen, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory  
12 drugs (NSAIDs), and adjunctive therapies, to effectively control  
13 pain while avoiding opioid-related complications; and

14 WHEREAS, CRNAs are instrumental in educating patients,  
15 families, and healthcare teams on the benefits of nonopioid  
16 techniques, promoting individualized care plans that prioritize  
17 safety, comfort, and recovery; and

18 WHEREAS, CRNAs collaborate with healthcare providers to  
19 implement enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) protocols,  
20 which emphasize opioid-free or opioid-sparing approaches to  
21 improve patient outcomes, reduce postoperative complications,  
22 and shorten hospital stays; and

23 WHEREAS, The expertise of CRNAs in developing and  
24 applying these innovative techniques not only addresses the  
25 immediate needs of patients but also plays a critical role in reducing  
26 the overall societal impact of the opioid crisis; and

27 WHEREAS, CRNAs demonstrate leadership in healthcare  
28 policy, education, research, and clinical practice and advance the  
29 standards of anesthesia care while addressing California's diverse  
30 and evolving healthcare needs; and

31 WHEREAS, The week of January 19–25, 2025, has been  
32 designated as National CRNA Week to celebrate and recognize  
33 the contributions of CRNAs to the health and well-being of  
34 Californians; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby commends certified  
37 registered nurse ~~anesthesiologists~~ *anesthetists* for their expertise,  
38 dedication, and service to the people of California, acknowledges  
39 their critical role in promoting opioid-free, opioid-sparing, and



- 1 nonopioid pain management strategies, and joins in celebrating
- 2 National CRNA Week 2025; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 4 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 12 (Umberg) – As Amended April 28, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** National CRNA Week.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the week of January 19-25, 2025, as National CRNA Week to celebrate and recognize the contributions of CRNAs to the health and well-being of Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) are highly trained, advanced practice registered nurses specializing in anesthesiology that provide expert care to patients before, during, and after surgical, obstetrical, and trauma procedures.
- 2) CRNAs are integral to California's health care system, offering safe, cost-effective, and accessible anesthesia care in urban centers, rural hospitals, military settings, and underserved communities across the state. They have completed rigorous academic and clinical training, including advanced education in pharmacology, physiology, and anesthesia practice.
- 3) CRNAs are at the forefront of addressing the opioid epidemic by advancing the use of opioid-free and opioid-sparing anesthesia techniques that reduce patients' exposure to opioids, minimize the risk of dependence, and contribute to long-term public health solutions.
- 4) CRNAs utilize innovative nonopioid pain management strategies, such as multimodal anesthesia, peripheral nerve blocks, regional anesthesia, and the use of nonopioid medications like acetaminophen, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and adjunctive therapies, to effectively control pain while avoiding opioid-related complications.
- 5) CRNAs collaborate with health care providers to implement enhanced recovery after surgery protocols, which emphasize opioid-free or opioid-sparing approaches to improve patient outcomes, reduce postoperative complications, and shorten hospital stays.
- 6) The expertise of CRNAs in developing and applying these innovative techniques not only addresses the immediate needs of patients but also plays a critical role in reducing the overall societal impact of the opioid crisis.
- 7) CRNAs demonstrate leadership in health care policy, education, research, and clinical practice and advance the standards of anesthesia care while addressing California's diverse and evolving health care needs.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800

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Introduced by Senator Niello

March 25, 2025

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 47, as introduced, Niello. 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

This measure would commemorate the 250th anniversary of the “shot heard round the world” and the Battle of Lexington and Concord, and would urge citizens across the country to participate in educational programs, reenactments, and commemorative events to reflect upon the enduring importance of liberty and justice.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, April 19, 1775, marks the date of the Battle of  
2 Lexington and Concord, which began the American Revolutionary  
3 War and the struggle for independence; and  
4 WHEREAS, The events of that day are immortalized as the  
5 moment of the “shot heard round the world,” a defining symbol  
6 of liberty and self-determination; and  
7 WHEREAS, The Towns of Lexington and Concord,  
8 Massachusetts, played a pivotal role as the sites of the first armed  
9 resistance to British rule, embodying the courage and resolve of  
10 the American colonists; and  
11 WHEREAS, At dawn on April 19, some 700 British troops  
12 arrived in the Town of Lexington and came upon 77 militiamen  
13 gathered on the town green. A British major yelled, “Throw down  
14 your arms! Ye villains, ye rebels.”; and

1 WHEREAS, The heavily outnumbered militiamen had just been  
2 ordered by their commander to disperse when a shot rang out. To  
3 this day, no one knows which side fired first. Several British  
4 volleys were subsequently unleashed before order could be  
5 restored. When the smoke cleared, eight militiamen lay dead and  
6 nine were wounded, while only one Redcoat was injured; and

7 WHEREAS, By the time the British retreated from the Town  
8 of Concord, over 2,000 militiamen had arrived and were firing at  
9 the British as they retreated to the City of Boston; and

10 WHEREAS, As many as 3,500 militiamen firing constantly for  
11 18 miles killed or wounded roughly 250 Redcoats, compared to  
12 about 90 killed and wounded on their side; and

13 WHEREAS, The militia and Minutemen who stood in defense  
14 of their rights and freedoms on April 19, 1775, represented the  
15 communities of New England, uniting in pursuit of shared ideals  
16 that laid the foundation for the United States of America; and

17 WHEREAS, The 250th anniversary of these historic events  
18 presents an opportunity to honor the bravery, sacrifice, and  
19 enduring legacy of those who fought for freedom and inspired  
20 movements for liberty around the globe; and

21 WHEREAS, The actions on April 19 inspired the French  
22 Revolution, Haitian Revolution, Irish Rebellion, and so many  
23 more, that historians often refer to this time as the Age of  
24 Revolution; and

25 WHEREAS, The anniversary also serves as an occasion to  
26 educate current and future generations about the significance of  
27 the American Revolution and the values of democracy, civic  
28 engagement, and collective action; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
30 *thereof concurring*, That the State of California joins in preserving  
31 the memory of the American Revolution as a gesture of our shared  
32 commitment to remembering and honoring this seminal moment  
33 in our nation's history, commemorates the 250th anniversary of  
34 the "shot heard round the world" and the Battle of Lexington and  
35 Concord, honors the memory of those who took part in these  
36 historic events, celebrates their contributions to the founding of  
37 our nation, and encourages citizens across the country to participate  
38 in educational programs, reenactments, and commemorative events  
39 to reflect upon the enduring importance of liberty and justice; and  
40 be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
- 2     this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: May 5, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Blanca Pacheco, Chair  
SCR 47 (Niello) – As Introduced March 25, 2025

**SENATE VOTE:** 36-0

**SUBJECT:** 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

**SUMMARY:** Commemorates the 250th anniversary of the “shot heard round the world” and the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Urges citizens across the country to participate in educational programs, reenactments, and commemorative events to reflect upon the enduring importance of liberty and justice. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) April 19, 1775, marks the date of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, which began the American Revolutionary War and the struggle for independence. The events of that day are immortalized as the moment of the “shot heard round the world,” a defining symbol of liberty and self-determination.
- 2) The Towns of Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts played a pivotal role as the sites of the first armed resistance to British rule, embodying the courage and resolve of the American colonists. By the time the British retreated from the Town of Concord, over 2,000 militiamen had arrived and were firing at the British as they retreated to the City of Boston.
- 3) The militia and Minutemen who stood in defense of their rights and freedoms on April 19, 1775, represented the communities of New England, uniting in pursuit of shared ideals that laid the foundation for the United States of America.
- 4) The 250th anniversary of these historic events presents an opportunity to honor the bravery, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of those who fought for freedom and inspired movements for liberty around the globe.
- 5) The anniversary also serves as an occasion to educate current and future generations about the significance of the American Revolution and the values of democracy, civic engagement, and collective action.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800